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NEGRO AND RELIGION

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The Negro Above all Races in Religious Fervor and Devotion.

ELEMENTS OF GREATNESS

Are the Things to Which He Pays Little Heed--Religion and Labor--Sacred Obligation.

(By W. H. Councill)

No African tribe, without a religion, has yet been discovered. "The knowledge of God is common knowledge," although often imperfectly and erroneously conceived and expressed. The Negro in America brought with him the deep emotions of reverence and worship which are characteristic of the most stupid tribes of the Dark Continent. The writings of Swedenborg, whether accepted as orthodox or not, must be regarded with great and serious consideration. He has made more investigation into spiritual matters and brought forth more beautiful theories than any other writer on similar subjects. He places the African above all other races in religious fervor and devotion.

Swedenborg says: "The summary of it is that the African character, from the ground of its lowliness, from its capability for obedience, from its childlike receptivity, in its purest races offers a more yielding heart and mind to the Lord and to the True Christian Religions, than the rest of mankind." This is the language of a scholar, practical engineer, scientist, theologian, philosopher, and a high official of Sweden who lived two hundred years ago. He studied Negro Character in its purest and most primitive conditions, and gives us his conclusions in the light of his highest spiritual investigation. Yet there are people who have never spent one hour in earnest and unbiased research into Negro nature, who have expressed harsh opinions as to Negro religion and character.

WHAT THE NEGRO BELIEVES.

There is no religion which did not start in superstition. There is no civilization which has not evolved from religious superstition. Art is but the physical expression of man's emotion or superstition. Art, then, displays the depth, breadth, height and riches of the imagination of a people. Some think that physical powers control nature. Others manifest beliefs which dispise the physical and rely upon spiritual forces. The African puts into the smallest object in nature invincible forces. But his is religion, not a spiritual pantheism. He does not fill all nature with indefinite spirit forces. But he believes in One Supreme Being, who manifests Himself spiritually through the medium of sense. This Being is all wise, all powerful, fore knowing, merciful, forgiving and can be reached by any supplicant at any time, and invariably grants the petition of the sincere heart. This Being is above all matter, presides over all material forces. This Being is perfect and punishes every unrepented sin. A people holding such high spiritual ideals can not be otherwise than kind and loyal, and can not fail to work out a happy destiny for the human race.

EVERY MAN'S FRIEND.

"I know of no good element in human character which is not found in the Negro race. Indeed, he has been placed under greater strains of conscience, and taxed more severely in honor and integrity than any other race known to history. Did it ever occur to you that the South is even wild in its praises of Negro fidelity in the days when it was prostrate in civil strife and its defenseless women and children committed to the care of the Negro of the South? Is there a single case of treachery or infidelity recorded against us? Did it ever occur to you that the Northern soldier could always trust his life in the hands of a Negro wherever found? Is there a single case of treachery or infidelity recorded against us by the North? He would defend and feed "Old Mistress," committed to his charge. He would hide the cattle, food, and valuables in the hollows and in the thickets, and then pilot the Northern army by these hidden goods safely through the mountains out of danger. There was a struggle between his sense of honor and his desire for freedom. He would rather have remained in bondage to this very hour than to have violated his sacred honor. Was ever human nature so taxed before? Do the pages of history record greater heroism? Grecian and Roman virtue and heroism are pale in the presence of this conduct of the Negro as the mila queen of night at the approach of the king of day when he makes his majestic march across the heavens.

NEGRO RELIGION FITS CHRISTIANITY.

It is noteworthy that Negro God ideals and spiritual nature fit into Christianity as the nature of no other race does. Christianity is spiritual. Negro religion is spiritual. No other human voice can interpret song as that of the Negro. What seems dry to others he fills with religious fervor and like a tidal wave, he sweeps all before him. Such singing! Not that he strikes the notes smoother, but that he fills the syllables with that fervent love of his God which fills his heart. His prayers! Simple, full of faith, full of child like trust! His sermons! They speak in wrath. They thunder warnings! Or like the sunbeams they fall in golden beauty, life and power along the pathway of life up to the gates of the New Jerusalem. This is Negro religion. This is Christianity. Can it die? Have not such a people a mission? Can they pass through earth without blessing it? Will not they as interpreters of Infinite Goodness live forever? Will not their songs, their prayers, their sermons, filled with God's love to man like the gentle zephyrs bearing the perfume of the flowers, waft gently down through time to all nations until all mankind shall be lifted into the glorious light of "Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men?"

EDUCATED AND UNEDUCATED.

Negro religion, or rather Negro religious fervor, is the same in all grades of Negro development. It lacks spice and beauty only when the Negro attempts to unrace himself and flee from his nature. There is as much intensified emotion among educated Negroes as among uneducated ones. Negro expression of his religious beliefs, polished by education and training, add a charm and fevor to his worship which is sublime. The Negro is not only moved himself by his deep emotion, but his emotion inspired by his God ideals moves other men. Whether in an audience of illiterate, or in a congregation of well bred worshippers, there is always that same emotional expression of faith and trust set forth in the prayers, songs, and sermons which silences the idle tongue and calls a halt to the irreverent.

HIS VIVID IMAGINATION.

It is not extravagant to say that a people so spiritual, so vivid in imagination will yet put an interpretation upon the religion of Christ which will startle the refined and more favored races. Such imagination, or spiritual insight has never been more highly shown in any other people than in the Negro. He sees sights, dreams dreams, has visions, hears voices where other people can see or hear nothing, because until recently the Negro could exercise only his religious imagination, which was cultivated to the highest degree. The Negro fills all the air with heavenly music, or heavenly hosts to soothe, lead or protect the faithful servants of God. It is logical to say that such vivid imagination when turned into the channels of art, will rival Phydias or Raphael; when turned toward science, will discover and develop new world's around about us and bring forth inventions for human salvation beyond the reach of materialistic races.

ELEMENTS OF GREATNESS.

It has been urged that the Negro is too light hearted, that he has too little respect for the goods of this world. I tell you, my friends, that while wealth has its measure of worth and utility, yet these things, accounted sins of the Negro, are surely virtues of a great people. We have often upbraided him about laying up treasures in heaven, and have made fun of him about singing: "You may have all the world, give me Jesus." But we are mistaken. This is the Negro's strongest weapon. It is to his credit that he does not go crazy about wealth. These are traits of character, evidences of the influence of spiritual powers worthy of angels. That he needs wealth—that he must get it—goes without saying; but that he should not bend all his soul, lose sight of his noble nature, and forsake his God in pursuit of it is an equally strong truth. In spiritual powers the Negro leads the races of the earth. Joel Chandler Harris makes the Negro take the fox and the hare and overcome great animal powers. It is the spiritual nature of the Negro, his religious fervor that points to him as one of the coming races of the world. He is full of all the ideals of sublimity and beauty, his imagination has no bounds and marks him as the orator, the songster, the inventer of the future. I am not fearful of the future if the Negro will remain true to his nature and develop it in the lines seemingly indicated by his very constitution. But I do doubt his future if he forsakes himself and his God and follows

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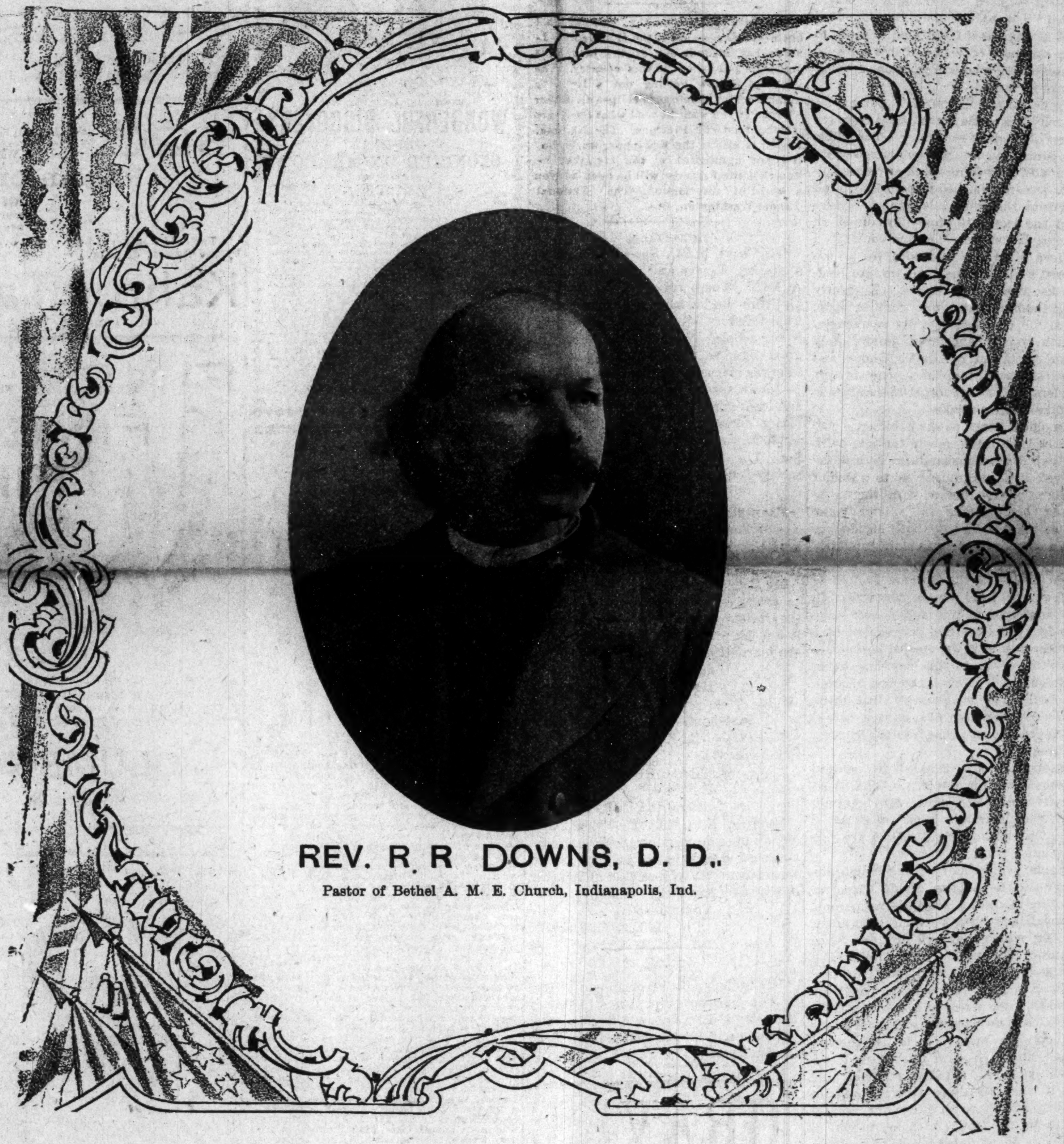

REV. R R DOWNS, D. D.,

Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

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We take pleasure in presenting to the readers of The Freeman, the cut of Rev. R R. Downs, D. D., which adorns our initial page, the newly appointed pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Indianapolis, the largest in the Indiana conference and one of the most pretentious churches in the A. M. E. connection. Dr. Downs is a transfer from the Georgia conference, coming immediately here from St. James church, Columbus, Ga., but has held pastorate in all the leading churches of the connection in Georgia. As a pulpit orator and an ideal pastor for so large a charge, he is indeed a success and although his efforts here are in their infancy, they speak promising for a prosperous and successful pastorate. Dr. Downs was born of slave parentage in Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 1, 1845, but was reared in New Orleans, which city he calls his home. By hard labor, he atttended the common schools, and also Gammon Theological college. He entered the ministry in 1874 immediately after his conversion, and has been engaged in this work ever since. He has been pastor of some of the largest churches in Georgia, among those are the churches at Atlanta, Athens and Columbus. He has always been known as active in the defense of his race, in political and religious struggles, by tongue and pen. He was at one time a candidate for the legislature of Georgia and was elected, but was unfortuate in being counted out. Dr. Downs comes to Indianapolis with the best wiches and kindest regards of his members, who last week tendered he and his family a grand reception. The Freeman welcomes him as a grand additional to the ministerial talent of our great city, and wishes him a prosperous and successful pastorate of "Old Bethel."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—There was a grand time spent at the high tea given by Mrs. Harve Doty of Washington street on last Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fletcher are residing at 812 Caldwell street. Mrs. Henry Williams, of Housbon street, who has been on the sick list for a few days, is out again. Miss Georgia Nichols is on the sick list. Mrs. Sam Adams who is residing at Mrs. Clem Thomas' on Washington street, is doing seamstress work. Mrs. Wm. Milier of south 5th street, has been very ill at her home, but is slowly recovering. John Woods is dangerously ill at Mrs. Malinda Powell's on 7th street. Mrs. Tobe Sledge, of Elmo, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. Harriet Jordan of Washington street. Will Kelton, alias "Bunko Bill" the handless wonder, is indisposed at this writing. Mrs. Clem Thomas of Washington street is on the sick list. Linnie Vance, Sam Hale and George Biggers, of Mayfield, Ky., were the guest of Miss Overton Fuqua of north 10th street Wednesday the 2 inst. Read The Freeman I was asked to tell you little boys that hang around the corner of 7th and Adams streets to stop it, as it has been mentioned to the police that people cannot pass there while on their way to church on Sundays and at nights during the week for you boys blockading the corner and your bad conduct. I heard one party tell an officer about it, so I am telling you all now to go to church on Sundays and study your lessons every night or you will be locked up. Ernest Overby was in the city last Sunday, enroute to his home in Union City, Tenn. We are very proud to have with us W. H. Bailey, the new pharmacist at the Lancaster drug store. He is very pleasant. Bob Oakly and John Low, two of our city gentlemen who have been touring the eastern states for several months, have returned home. Arthur Sawyer, of Dyersburg, Tenn., spent Sunday in the city. Mrs. J. W. Moore's grocery and saloon burned last Thursday morning. It is not known how the fire started but the loss was fully covered by insurance. Rev. S. R. Ried spent the holidays in Louisville, Ky., but returned in time to fill his pulpit last Sunday in Burker A. M. E. chapel.

TOM THE TATTLER,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

"Why, how do you do, Mr. 1901? I hope you are well. I intend to make good use of you for the next twelve months to advance myself.

Is the name "Dixie" a hoodoo? The jubilee singers by that name seem to be faring badly. It is hard for them to remain out of town. They are "going in the air" at a rapid rate.

Will all the turkeys that escaped the holiday slaughter please send me their address?

The much talked of twentieth century now a stern reality.

The members of the profession here gave a benefit for Mr. James Lawrence Love on the 17th ult., which was a financial success. It was a greater success than the most sanguine of the promoters had expected.

Mr. Hall, who acted as master of ceremonies, read from the stage that Ernest Hogan had telegraphed twenty-five dollars to swell the receipts of the benefit, and that the Slayten Jubilee Singers, to whom tickets had been sent, responded so generously that Mr Johnson, in whose care the tickets were sent, was deprived of the pleasure of buying any but sent the price of four tickets.

Artistically the show was all to be desired. There were present such performers as Tom. McIntosh, Proctor and Hamilton, our genial playwright, W. A. Humphreys, the Dixie quartette and several others. There was so much good talent on hand anxious to lend assistance to our dear friend, Mr. Love, that it was midnight when the concert part of the entertainment closed. I wish Mr. Love may soon be with us again as his absence is very much felt.

A bicycle is of no service until it is tire-d.

Empty wagons make the most noise, says the adage. This is a lie; fill a wagon with the K. P. band and for noise the empty wagon is not in it.

MY POCKETBOOK.

Lines suggested by seeing my pocketbook lying on the dresser in my room a complete wreck, caused by Xmas shopping; dedicated to all those unfortunate creatures, who, like myself, find themselves "broke."

Poor pocketbook! as my eyes look on thee,
I give to you my heartfelt sympathy,
As you lay there friendless, empty and lorn
Of all your dollars, quarters, nickels shorn.

Cheer up old friend, you have seen better days
I knew you before the Christmas holidays,
When you with money were so fat and greasy
When you lived on a fair street called Easy.

In those days of peace and happiness, when
You suffered from a load of fives and tens
You had friends and admirers by the score;
But now when you need them they are no more.

Christmas in its joy has hit thee a "rap."
You look bewildered—know not where you're at;
Remember this warning as down-cast you look:
Christmas is the foe of a fat pocketbook.

If Aaron Ware were the proprietor of a hotel I hardly think he would call it the Ware-house.

The battle of Brandywine was fought Sept. 11th, 1777, for the first time; but since that time the battle of brandy and wine has been going steadily on.

"Good morning. Are you Tom The Tattler?"

"I am."

"Do you teach singing?"

"I do; would you like to take some lessons?"

"Yes sir, I am anxious to be a prima-donna."

"May I hear you sing?"

"I have a song here from Faust which I will run over, if you don't mind."

She sings, and in the meantime I lay my plans.

"Now you wish to be a prima donna? I see your nerves are very good. Here are some powders for your voice, you must take one every five minutes; they contain strychnine and will remove that hoarseness which you complain of."

"Oh thank you, thank you very much. I will take powders as directed, when shall I call again?"

"Any old time." She departs and I sit down in an easy chair, feeling as if I have been a benefactor of mankind, and that my name is eligible for the Hall of Fame.

I was going to write a poem on the 20th century, but I came near losing my mind in worry searching for a word to rhyme with century, so I had to give it up.

A reporter writes for one of our contemporary journals: "the first bass was all right, but the work of the second bass was poor." I was reading it to a friend of mine and he surprised me by asking the question, "what does that criticism refer to, a singing aggregation or a base ball team?"

A BEEFSTEAK.

A very homely composition on a very homely subject.

I don't know who invented the beefsteak, and, furthermore, I don't care. I know this much, however, they are not popular in china. The say, too, that in South Africa there are persons who are so backward in their tastes that they will pass up a beefsteak any time for a good, fat missionary. I am at present engaged in writing a book entitled "How to Become a Gastronome," and as soon as it is finished I mean to ship car loads of copies of this work to these people who are so rude as to eat our missionaries.

Beefsteaks, I find after a patient research have come down to us from the times of highest antiquity. The Bible has something to say about sacred cows, oxen and such things, but my most diligent research fails to reveal to my mind anything that would lead me to believe that the people in those days dined on Sacred beefsteaks. On the contrary I believe they held the cow to be too sacred a thing to be done up into beefsteaks after her demise. Evidently then the beefsteak did not come in vogue until the cow had lost its sacredness, which must have been immediately after she licked her calf. I hope, and that sincerely too, that none of my readers will so far forget themselves as to take this for a joke.

In olden times, as she is today, a cow was called a beef. About the year 40 B. C., two Roman husbandmen became involved in an argument as to which of their respective horses, both thoroughbreds, could make the faster time. After much talk they both decided to bet a cow, or as she was more popularly called then, a beef, a piece, and they were given to a third person to hold as stakes. In later times historians always referred to this as the beef-stake incident but by the carlessness of a certain printer it was spelled beef-steak, and this, even to this day, has never been changed. This is the first mention of beefsteaks in history. Just think after cow having once been a sacred thing, beefsteak arose from a gambling proposition!

Beefsteaks are divided in several classes according to worth. What these classes are I don't know, for I haven't my cook book at hand, although I know porter-house and sirloin are two of them.

Some people, and among whom you can class The Tattler, divide steaks according to their character—beg pardon, I mean according to their toughness, among which you will find the lunch counter, restaurant, and hotel steaks. Some of the first kind, and for that matter, some of the last kind have been used as an experiment for soleing shoes but I have no data at hand from which to give an opinion as to its success. One thing is certain if a reform movement is not started among steaks, that is, if they continue to get tougher, nature will have to fit up our mouths with butcher saws, or the earth will be speedily depopulated by all of us starving to death.

I have a steak taken from a hotel at Minonk, Ill., and for plain, old-fashioned toughness it stands unbeaten. Time will soften anything, it will even take the sting out of barrel-house whiskey. I have had this steak a dozen years or more, and softening! why man you can't even pierce it with a Krag-Jorgensen bullet. Uncle Sam might with profit gather all the lunch counter and restaurant steaks, of which I have spoken and use them for protection to his battle ships.

I have often wondered why the experiment of making steaks into hammocks has never been made. Here is a golden opportunity for a man of money to double, and probably treble his wealth, and at the same time make a name for himself as an inventor. One of the reasons I have heard advanced in justification of the steak's toughness is that it must be that way to keep from being imposed upon by the many "fakirs" called cooks. If that is the case then our cooks must be taught how to handle a steak with all the consideration to which it is entitled.

In conclusion I have heard the name 20th century linked with every thing else, what cuisine will be the first to bring out and advertise the 20th century steak.

Wanted:—A prima donna to sing for a deaf and dumb asylum. Address, Tom The Tattler, The Freeman. For those who have been hissed and feel a hesitancy in replying to this ad., I will say that it is guaranteed there will be no hissing at this asylum.

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He must set his eyes on success and, regarding everything that interposes between him and that success as inimical, like valiant soldiers, fight his way to it. The things called circumstances are intrepid foes, and unless you grasp them in a fearless, vigorus manner they, gaining courage and confidence from your timorousness, will completely overwhelm you.

TOM THE TATTLER.

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In Demand.

Las Vegas, N. M., Special.—We have a literary society and one church, the A. M. E. There are a few of our people here in business and doing well. This territory offers good inducement to our people. Women workers are in great demand. A. B. Brinkly is running the Harvey House bar. Rev. Wm. B. Johson, pastor of the church, is an applicant for a U. S. chaplaincy. He is also a director of the city Y. M. C. A. M. Jefferson is janitor at the club building. The B. T. Washington literary society is doing nicely.

The following communications, relative to The Freeman's holiday number have been received:

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My Dear Mr. Knox:—"Permit me to congratulate you upon the success of the Christmas number of The Freeman; it was the greatest achievement of Negro journalism I have yet witnessed.

I am your friend,
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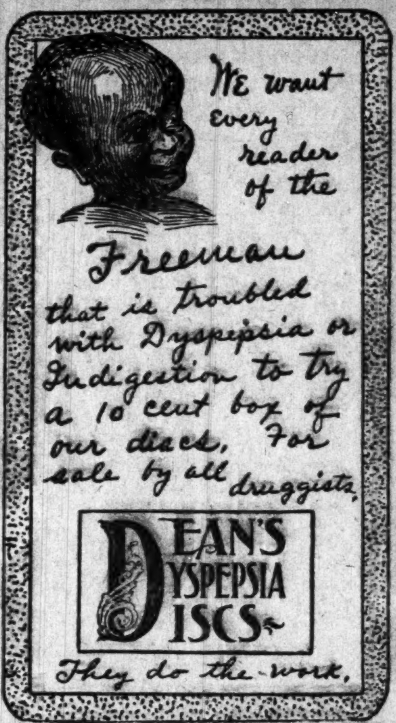
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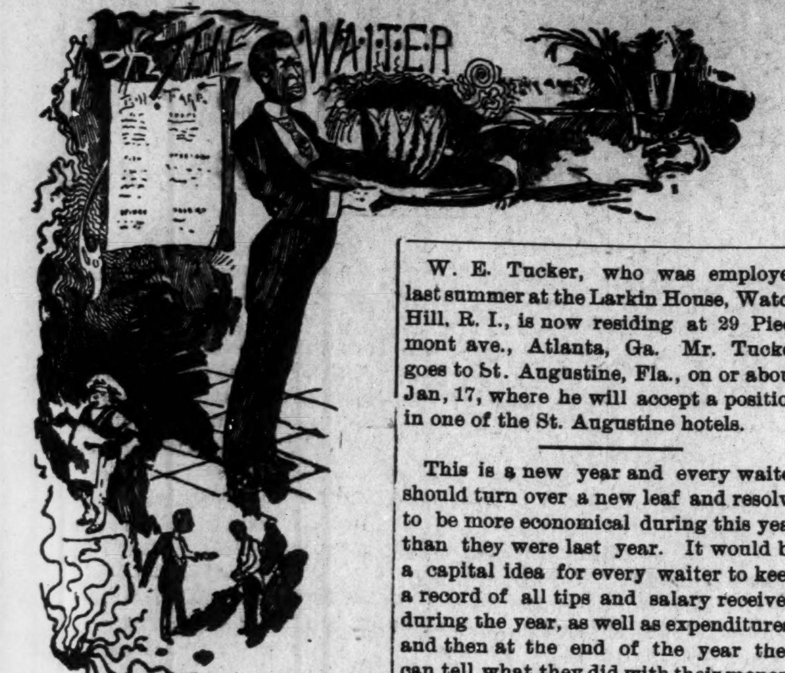

EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

J. P. Robinson, a waiter employed at the Wyoming Hotel, Chicago, Ill., has just recovered from a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. Robinson was formerly second waiter at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Chas. Martyn, associate editor of the "Caterer," New York City, stopped off at Cleveland, Ohio, last week, and for a few hours was the guest of W. Forrest Cozart, editor of this department, at the Weddell House.

As waiters and intelligent citizens let us begin the 20th century right by subscribing for some good race and professional papers in order to keep up-to-date in everything concerning our race or profession.

It is the duty of every waiter to make more tips, more salary and spend less money in 1901 than they did in 1900. We have been too extravagant in the past. Come now, brothers, and work while it is yet day, because when night cometh no man can work. At such a time a small bank account will aid and comfort you.

J. H. Bradford, of Chicago, who was employed at the Republican National Headquarters during the campaign, is now employed by Headwaiter J. J. Miles at the Plankington House, Milwaukee, Wis.

Samuel Hodges, chef steward at the Oglethorpe Hotel, Brunswick, Ga., has filled that important position for several years, which demonstrates that Mr. Hodges is an artist whose service is appreciated. Mr. Hodges is a race man and is a subscriber to The Freeman as well as to other race periodicals.

George Lang, headwaiter at the Colonial Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, is on the sick list.

Stanley Barnett, late second waiter at the McLureir Hotel, Wheeling, W. Va., was recently installed as headwaiter at the Lake Side Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. Frank Bell, wife of the efficient headwaiter at the Woodlawn Club, Chicago, has been on the sick list, but is now convalescent.

Edward Hughes, a waiter, who resides in Nashville, Tenn., but who has been employed at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, left for home during the holidays. Mr. Hughes is a Spanish-American; was a veteran, and is an intelligent and progressive young man.

The editor of this department acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the tenth annual installation and banquet of Ionic Lodge No. 46, A. F. and A. M., held at their hall in Cairo, Ill., Dec. 27, 1900. A. A. Martin, chef de cuisine, of the Halliday House, is the W. M. and J. C. Lewis, secretary. The committee of arrangements was composed of the following gentlemen: J. C. Lewis, Geo. W. Carr, James Bondurant, I. Lewis, P. N. Isabel, W. Mack, Geo. Carter, E. Higgins, W. Herron, Geo. W. Clark, secretary. W. Alonzo Locke, headwaiter at the Halliday House and vice-president of the Head and Second Waiters' Association, was chairman of the above committee.

Milt. Taylor, the popular head bell man at the Weddell Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, spent the holidays in Cincinnati, where he visited relatives and old friends.

S Powell has succeeded Sam'l Devery as second waiter at the Russell House, Detroit, Mich. Mr. Devery was second waiter for years at the Russell under W. E. Murray, a white headwaiter, for several years. Mr. Devery was headwaiter at the Russell from last August until October 12, at which time H. T. Eubanks took charge. Mr. Powell was second waiter at the Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio, under Mr. Eubanks about one year ago.

W. E. Tucker, who was employed last summer at the Larkin House, Watch Hill, R. I., is now residing at 29 Piedmont ave., Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Tucker goes to St. Augustine, Fla., on or about Jan, 17, where he will accept a position in one of the St. Augustine hotels.

This is a new year and every waiter should turn over a new leaf and resolve to be more economical during this year than they were last year. It would be a capital idea for every waiter to keep a record of all tips and salary received during the year, as well as expenditures, and then at the end of the year they can tell what they did with their money. Now let us see how many will do this. I will head the list.

George Bright, a waiter at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, accompanied by Mrs. Bright, attended one of the prominent theatres in that city, one evening last week, during which time they occupied seats in the parquette. On leaving the theatre Mr. Bright picked up a large pocket-book, which contained some loose change and two certified bank checks which amounted to several hundred dollars. Possessing that honesty and intelligence which characterizes the majority of the colored waiters of to-day, Mr. Bright notified the bank the next morning by telephone and requested them to have the owner to call at the Weddell and claim his property. The following afternoon a well dressed white gentleman inquired of the clerk at the Weddell if Mr. Geo. Bright was in. He was informed that he would find him up stairs in the dining room. On reaching the dining room door the gentleman asked to see Mr. Bright, but was much surprised when Mr. Bright appeared before him clad in a waiter's uniform, as he had fancied that Mr. Bright was a guest at the Weddell. Mr. Bright received a snug little sum of money for his honesty.

It is with profound sorrow that I chronicle the death of Mr. Geo. Washington, headwaiter at the Forest City House, Cleveland, Ohio, who died suddenly of heart disease at about 11 p. m. December 25, in that city. Mr. Washington was headwaiter at the Forest City for about ten years, and had won explicit confidence of Messrs. Pain & Aikers, the proprietors, as well as the guest and crew of waiters employed by him. On Christmas Mr. Washington was apparently well and hearty, and received many valuable tokens from the guests of the hotel. He performed his duty at the hotel all day, and after serving supper went home, where, for a short time, he was surrounded by his happy family, which consisted of wife and two daughters of five and eight years respectively. Later he kissed them by-by and went to his place of business, which consist of a barber shop and pool room. At the latter place he was joined by some friends and they repaired to a cafe for a luncheon. While in the cafe and amid happiness and jollification, the messenger of death summoned Geo. Washington to appear before the tribunal bar of God. When the death pain struck Mr. Washington a physician was called, and upon his arrival he ordered the ambulance, and the dying man was put in the ambulance and driven to the hospital, but before it reached its destination the soul of Geo. Washington had taken its flight to the celestial shore beyond the veil of this life. At home, unconscious of the tragic death scene, as related above, sat the happy wife and dear little children anxiously awaiting the return of the dear husband and loving father, whose footsteps and voice they would nevermore hear. "Oh for a sound of the voice and a touch of the hand that is still." Such were the anguish thoughts of the bereaved family when the fatal news was broken to them. Mr. Washington was State Vice-president of the Head and Second Waiters' Association, which will pay his beneficiaries $100. He was also a member of the K. P's., which pays the widow $350. Mr. Washington was a successful business man, owning a barber shop and pool room. He also had a life insurance of $1,000. His policies and places of business are estimated to be worth over five thousand dollars. The funeral services over the remains of the late Geo. Washington were held at the St. John A. M. E. Church, December 28th, Rev. Bundy officiated. The services were under the auspices of E. F. Cowles Lodge No. 17, K. of P. Among the many floral contributions was a wreath of roses and carnations sent by the 'Headwaiters' Auxiliary Association of Pittsburg; a cross of roses and carnations, with a copy of the by-laws and constitution of the Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association unbalanced in center of cross; basket of roses and lillies given by Damon K. of P. Lodge; basket of roses, sent by Dr. John G. Springer; pillow of roses, carnations and lillies, given by employes of the Forest City House, and bunch of white roses given by the Hollenden Hotel waiters. Geo. Washington was born in Albermarle county, Virginia, June 12, 1855. He first went to Washington, D. C., and then to Pittsburg, Pa., from which point he railroaded for several years, leaving Pittsburg he came to Cleveland, where he was engaged at the Forest City House until the time of his death.

In the death of Geo. Washington the Head Waiters' Association loses one of its most valuable members. About the 25th of April last Mr. Washington was appointed vice-president for the State of Ohio to succeed F. C. Long. Within two weeks Mr. Washington secured five new members for the association, and soon after the National Convention secured four more new members. His time, pocket-book and heart was with the association. With five hundred members like him the association would have been a phenominal success. Peace be to his ashes.

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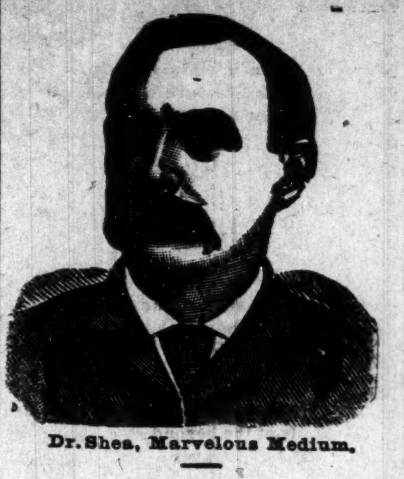

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A RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE.

The resolution to investigate the abridgement of suffrage in certain Southern States, with a view to reapportionment, based upon actual suffrage, which was offered in the House last week by Congressman Olmsted, was referred to the Census Committee.

It is said that quite a number of Republicans favored this disposition of the resolution. It is evident that the resolution was to be made the means of striking back at those States that have reduced the voting population by elimination through disfranchisements. The attempt to pass such a resolution will be construed a friendly act towards the disfranchised, who in the main are Negroes.

The referring of the resolution to the Census Committee, where it is supposed to "slumber" "per chance to die," is not such a calamity as may be supposed. If the mere loss of a member or so from disfranchising States is to be the exchange for disfranchisements, and the thing settled at that, although there may be some chafing in those sections affected, yet it secures to them the tacity agreed right to perpetuate the disfranchising idea, which peradventure could grow into a custom as strong as binding laws could make it. It would be far better that the thing of disfranchisement continue a mooted question rather than be settled in such a way. It would be a very dangerous precedent, one which will be extremely contagious owing to governmental sanction, if as proposed. The object of all the moves in Congress so far, appertaining to the matter, has been to reduce Southern representation at the expense of disfranchisements. We can not see the good of appearing before the Supreme Court with a question of that kind, if it is already settled in Congress. The South is not going to lose representation and the right of disfranchisement at once. It is no sensible view to take of the situation.

The Negroes are not, or should not, be concerned in the attempt to punish the South. What they want is their voting rights restored. This can not be accomplished by enforcing a penalty that recognizes and endures the offense. The clamor for the reduction of representation is shortsightedness which some of our race men have indulged in.

The farm would be an excellent place for a lot of half grown Negro boys that are parading the streets and eating "up" all their parents can bring in. Its the place for them. They would help their parents to produce something. There is getting to be too much pride and too little sense in matters of this kind.

BISHOP TURNER.

Evil times have befallen Bishop Turner of the A. M. E. Church. He has been forced, through disagreement, to resign his position as president of the college of bishops, which came to him owing to his seniority. In the redistricting of territory made necessary by the death of Bishop Moore his colleagues were not satisfied as to his rulings. It was but recently that he surrendered the editorship of the Voice of Missions to Bishop Tandy, who will edit it in New York. That paper was made notable through the vigorous utterances of Bishop Turner.

He retains much of his early vigor, yet with it he has grown somewhat petulant, impatient, feverish. He has been so long the recognized head of the church that he chafes unduly when his slightest wishes are not regarded. His opposition to President McKinley was not considered good taste in the bishop owing to its avowedness. This stand has cost him much influence which is regrettable when the age and past career of the man is considered.

To see the cherished idols pass from a man of such strong, vigorous intellect, knowing well his vast sense of right and wrong, excites sympathy. It seems that it might have been possible to have toiled along until that end which can not be too far off, rather than to have plundered him of his rights and privileges as the foremost man of his church. No man, good or evil, cares to see his own epitaph. Let him ease down to his last day, full of years, full of honor, full of hope for that joy that cometh in the morning.

Attorney General William L. Taylor will make some recommendations to the Legislature of Indiana regarding lynching which he hopes to see incorporated in a good, vigorous law against that evil. He suggests that the prosecuting attorneys should be better paid as a means of attracting strong men for the positions; men who are able to cope with the class of lawyers that the defense secures by means of satisfactory compensation. The laws' delay are more evident owing to the want of vigorous prosecution. Such can not come about by lawyers fresh from schools who use the position as a stepping stone, or by those who regard it as a political sinecure. And especially are the latter class of prosecuting attorneys illfitted to faithfully prosecute because they have a constituency that must not be offended. Offense is considered a further bar to political ambition; hence there must be careful treading. In the meanwhile the culprit goes unwhipped of justice. The patience of the community is at last tried to the point where it ceases to be a virtue. Then follows a reign of anarchy, if for but a night. The wide experience of the attorney general will lend much weight to any advice he may give. It is hoped that the legislature may not allow the thing to slumber along until we are again confronted with the necessity for some more stringent measures and means than now exist.

Ambrose Bierce, of the Chicago American, does not think that either George Washington or Abraham Lincoln was the greatest man this country has produced. He says that the distinction rests between Henry W. Longfellow and Edgar Allen Poe. He backs up his queer idea by saying "that the greatest man is the man capable of doing the most exalted, most lasting and most beneficial intellectual work—and the highest, ripest, richest fruit of the human intellect is indubitably great poetry. The great poet is the king of men; compared with him any other man is a peasant; compared with his any other man's work is a joke." The chances are that Mr. Bierce is a poet and will in consequence get the full effect of his elaboration. However, there are others who have something to say about the matter beyond the long haired, Juno eyed gentry that is voted earthly immortals by the too knowing Mr. Bierce.

A gang of white men disguised as whitecaps visited a number of Negroes near Neelyville, Mo., recently. They riddled their house and furniture with bullets and gave notices to some of the best Negroes in the community to leave.

A good primary law for the State will not be a miss.

THE NEW CENTURY.

The new century's on,
The seared and wan,
Faded at the dawn;
Gone.

New hopes are on.
The old has flown,
To the great unknown;
Gone.

New fears are on.
Their sires attone,
Just across the horizon;
Gone.

The new man is on.
The weak and despond
Is of the beyond.
Gone.

The old century, with its game of "con,"
Came, saw and has now begone.
The new one is not slow in getting on.
And you won't need to wait so very long,
Until it's as gay as the one that's blown.
—LEWIS.

Prof. W. H. Council, speaking at the Bessemer, Ala., emancipation celebration, said regarding social relations:

"This question has been an eating sore, because men have misunderstand the Negro, and because it has been used, simply and purely, North and South, to make white partisans stand close together, as if the Negro with one mighty bound would land right in the center of white social circles and carry off every heart in them. There has never been a time when the true Negro thought so little of himself that he would surrender his racial identity and be wiped off the face of the globe by another people. There has never been one moment in the South when there was such a spirit slumbering in the Negro's breast. The white woman of the South, who is one of the purest women in the annals of the world, has maintained on her side the purity of both races in the South, and to-day, in building the Negro race in the South, it can have no higher example of integrity than the white woman of the South. Whatever may take place in the future I know not. But I do know now that the salvation of the Negro in this country depends upon drawing the social lines tighter, tighter all the while, North and South. The moment they become slack, the white man becomes brutal—the Negro goes down forever"

The above will be considered very pronounced views indeed, but its no more than facts strongly setforth. The attempt on the part of Negroes to cross the social threshold has met many a rebuff, that is deserving any people that attempt to invade with impunity a forbidden domain. Nothing but withering contempt remains for those who are so careless in judgment as to fly in the face of those prohibitions that are of such large writ. These questions must be studied from the white man's point of view as well as otherwise.

When hard cash is demanded for the indemnity of persons that who have been lynched, then the business will lack much of its present inducement.—The Daily Record, Washington, D. C.

It is strange that this cash attachment is considered a cure all. It is hardly likely that a mob will calculate to a nicety the dollars and cents involved, and especially, since the loss falls so lightly on each individual. The indemnity feature is all right for the family of the victim, but it will not, as we see it, act as a deterrent on a mob that is bent on its purpose. There is no reason why the indemnity feature should not be included, but to put it foremost is another evidence of our commercialism. We realize on everything, anything.

The importance of the Negro vote in certain Northern Congressional Districts may be gauged by the eagerness of certain Northern Congressmen to have the South disciplined for restricting the suffrage.—The Memphis Scimitar.

That is to say, it may be supposed, that some Northern Congreessmen are attempting to make capital of the situation. It is hardly the case. But if it was so the Negroes could do no better thing than call a halt. They have been on the political chess board plenty long. What is the result after the years of boasted progress? Congress is now back at the starting point fighting the battles of a third of a century ago.

"Editor Knox publishes the greatest Negro newspaper in all the world" is what that blessed little woman, the wife of the fearless R. C. O. Benjamin, says regarding the holiday number of The Freeman. Mrs. Benjamin is the worthy successor of her late lamented husband. She is now managing that journal so long managed by him. She is one among ten thousand in preserving her husband's institution intact. The assassins bullet laid low the master hand, but in a night, like Jonah's gourd, she grew up a worthy successor, and through her he still lives. May God keep her and hers.

The Liberian Colonization Society, it is said, will send three hundred Negro colonists to Liberia during the present month.

Mr. Cyrus Adams, of Chicago, has been nominated as Assistant Registrary of the Treasury at Washington, D. C. Mr. Adams will be remembered as the very efficient head of the Negro Press Bureau, an adjunct to the National Republican Committee with headquarters at Chicago. He was elected as president of the Afro-American Press Association. He did valuable work during the last campaign, and is highly deserving of the success he has met with. He is now clerk of South Town Chicago, an office to which he was elected by popular vote. The Freeman congratulates him. It is the first conspicuous given Illinois.

If farming pays white men, it will pay colored men. There is a great field for young men that desire business careers without much capital. A living is insured, and that is more than the miserable existence eked out in the great cities. Form a joint stock company of farmers with modern notions. Purdue University and other institutions are making agricultural experiments. The results are published in pamphlet form. They will be sent you on application. The government distributes pamphlets that will supply a leck of scientfic training.

The Negro in business for the twentieth century. Farming is a very good business. Its largest requirement by way of capital is brawn—some brains of course. The more brains the better the farmer, but brawn, muscle and determination comes first. These two all can have. The third can come with experience, if circumstances operate against a scientific training. Farming does not mean plowing always. Live stock and poultry do not need the service of a plow very often.

The shooting of a young white girl of this city by Norris Jones, a Negro, is one of the most regrettable occurrences that we have ever been compelled to acknowledge. It was a case of mad infatuation on the Negro's part, which, from all accounts, was not agreeable to the woman. In his baffled rage he slew the woman and then ended his own miserable existence. In killing himself he did a most commendable act, one for which he has the heartfelt thanks of the Negroes of this community.

Emancipation day, January 1, was observed in several Southern cities. At Beaufort, S. C., where the day was celebrated, President Miller, of the South Carolina State Colored College, made the address of the day.

He preached good will between white and black men and said that when all the circumstances are considered it is a matter for congratulation that the white people are doing as much for the educating and uplifting of the Negroes. He opposed any reduction of congressional representation, claiming that it would indirectly be a blow to the colored man.

The whole of life is not to reside in town. The Negro's sense of curiosity will not allow him to take to that kind of life up this way. Freedom means, to many, a great more than it really means. Get a foothold where it is possible. We do not hear of any one being worked to death on farms in this country. There is no discrimination in what the farm produces.

What a healing balm money is; a man's lacerated heart is made entire, a woman's misplaced affections are compensated, injured honor is no longer injured, a wife is soothed with alimony, and death hath its rewards.

The American Baptist of Louisville, Ky., was twenty-two years old last week. It says that, but with one exception, it is the oldest denominational race paper in the country.

Pay the prosecuting attorneys what they want. If they can prevent mobbing they are worth the price.

Mr. Bierce has the matter turned around the poets work, not the other man's, is the joke.

A bill to suppress mob rule with or without the indemnifying attachment—To the legislature.

Notice.

The Indianapolis Freeman will be sold by the newsboys on the streets of Springfield, Ill., every Saturday and Sunday, and at the news stand E. L. Rogers agent.

What They All Say....

A CREDITABLE PAPER.

The Indianapolis Freeman, one of the best exponents of the progress and status of the colored race in the country, distanced all of its previous efforts in its holiday edition. It will compare favorably with any of the issues of more pretentious journals. The paper before us includes twenty-four pages of six columns each. The first part is filled with the illustrations of prominent colored men, and the other parts with miscellany and accounts of the achievements of the race. The leading editorial is a review of the past under the caption, "What of the Twentieth Century?" The frequent lynchings, attempts at disfranchisement and kindred matters. are exhaustively and conservatively treated. The editor is ambitious for his race and proudly boasts of its progress under adverse conditions. A brief extract will give our readers an idea of the general trend of the argument, as follows:

As a citizen, the Negro has figured in American affairs for a third of a century and more. Within that time he has made notable and satisfactory progress along the lines of education and wealth. Civil and political prosperity has been somewhat impeded within the last decade. At first blush the knowledge of that fact is alarming, but when the causes are well considered, the tardy civil and political progress will be considered but the natural outcome of evolution. No races have reached their maturity except through hard trials and tribulations. It is the refining crucible, the inexorable law of all life even to the plant creation; they must die, that they live. The civil and political depression of the recent past is no other than a stage of rest, out of which the race will certainly evolve to greater liberty and opportunity or else slowly crystalize into a caste class which will absolve only with extinction.

Illustrations are profuse throughout the several parts. Col. George L. Knox is the publisher.—Indianapolis Daily Sentinel. (Dem.)

The Holiday number of the Indianapolis Freeman, is very unique, it is the best of all holiday numbers and shows what can be done by the Negroes at this.—Nashville Clarion.

The Christmas number of the Indianaplois Freeman containing 24 pages, has come lumbering into our office taking up about all the space left on our small fat pine desk. In opening it we, with our left hand knocked our cast iron scissors off the table breaking them and with our terrible right brushed over the jug of ink, which has marked the punching floor of our sanctum forever. No words of encomium coming from Texas can add to this illustrious publication. It is just a great big credit to journalistic endeavor all the world around. Knox, you have done nobly. Your excellence simply puts you in a class almost by yourself. All Texas joins us in wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.—Express Dallas, Texas.

We have just received a copy of the Christmas edition of The Freeman of Indianapolis, Ind., and shows much work on the part of those who got it up.

It is a very creditable showing for the race and we hope it brought splendid returns to its owners.—Daily Recorder Washington.

We have before us the holiday number of The Freeman, published by our fellow townsman, Geo. L. Knox. It is a very creditable newspaper, and is convincing proof that the colored race is fast taking front rank with the newspaper enterprise of the land. This issue is filled with illustrations of prominent colored colleges which are now dotted all over the south. A good deal of this issue is devoted to the political grievances of the race, and it is very befitting that the race look over the columns of The Freeman.—Hancock Democrat Greenfield, Ind.

The holiday number of The (Indianapolis, Ind.,) Freeman was simply a literary gem. The beautiful cuts, representing some of the leading talent and best brain of the race, and the style and make up of the paper all proved conclusively that brother Knox is a man of taste as well as competant business tact. We wish all of our readers could see last week's Freeman.—Messenger Rock Hill, S. C.

The holiday number of "The Freeman' is clean, spicy and up-to-date.—Detroit Informer.

The holiday number of The Indianapolis Freeman, issued on December 29, contains 24 pages, 144 columns and 125 illustrations, many of them large groups. Editor Knox publishes the greatest Negro newspaper in all the world.—The Lexington Standard.

The Christmas editions of The Indianapolis Freeman, Southwestern Christian Advocate and Philadelphia Tribune are striking evidences of what the Negro is capable of doing in a journalistic way. The pictorial features of said papers demonstrate more forcibly than written or printed words that the Negro is bringing up the rear of the metropolitan press of the country in great shape. We doff our derby to the publishers of these concerns, and in wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year, we say, Brethern, you've begun the new century with the most flattering prospects for the future.—Independent Houston, Tex.

The Indianapolis Freeman comes out in a magnificent holiday dress. The special number of this paper comes to us on New Years day, containing 24 pages, attractively illustrated with portraits of prominent men and public buildings of college institutions of the race. The edition quite possibly eclipses last year's Christmas number, in that it rises higher and gives its readers more of our intellectual and industrial life as well as the stage and comic side. Altogether, this holiday number of The Freeman is the best indication that Negro papers are becoming to be a recognized factor in the growth American life.—Florida Sentinel.

The holiday edition of The Freeman is a credit to that worthy Journal. The publishers have spared no pains to make The Freeman a creditable paper for the race. Mr. George L. Knox, the proprietor of The Indianapolis Freeman is a success at whatever he undertakes. —The Baptist Vanguard, Little Rock, Ark.

The Holiday number of The Freeman of Indianapolis was one hundred years ahead of the average colored newspaper. It was the grandest achievement of the ninteenth century in Negro journalism. —The Light, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mossy Creek, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1901.
Hon. Geo. L Knox, Puplisher The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir—Allow me to say that The Freeman is one of the best race journals published. Every Negro home should see to it that some good race journal is in it. Furthermore, in order that we as a race become more united in purpose, aim commercial relations and in all business relations of life, we must read more of our own race papers, become more interested in Negro literature and all Negro enterprises in general. The hour of the day, the signs of the times indicate that we must foster these principles which have been the pillars of success through all ages, to all Christian civilized nations.

Yours for the race.
G. N. BOWEN,
Principal, Nelson Merry High School.

NEGRO AND RELIGION

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a few members of the race who are trying to run from themselves.

NEGRO RELIGION AND LABOR.

There can be no doubt that the South has the most loyal and docile labor in the world. No where on the globe is such loyalty to employer found. The Negro is true to his master under all circumstances. His obligation is more sacred than racial ties. Would Irish waiters serve all the world except Irishmen? Would a German barber shave every man except a German? Would the American Indian discriminate against himself? Do you say it is cowardice in the Negro? It is not so. It is Negro religion which rises above every worldly consideration to the purely ideal, spiritual world where there are no races, parties or clans. This element in Negro nature, so much slandered by his white brother, is the noblest element in mankind.

Notice.

The Freeman has secured for the benefit of its many subscribers the exclusive right of the Bohannan's Music Co's. latest success. C. H. cake walk and two-step, as Mr. Bohannan is one of our able colored writers and publishers we feel that every reader of The Freeman should have a copy of our own brothers publication. Hoping it may encourage others to soon following his walks. We as a race are fast getting to the front and while we have one colored music publishing house, we feel it our duty to place his music at least before our own people and have secured the write of his latest, a regular 50c. co pages and a beautiful title page in 5 colors a nice flowing melody nd witty words, as for a march or two-step it is second to none and we know there is no lover of a nice march or two-step for piano will call their repertoire complete without the above composition now at this office and will be sent to any address post paid for 10 cents just to save postage and this ad. Please write name plainly and order at once; be the r t to introduce this new piece in your locality. Address all orders to The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

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RUSCO & HOLLANDS, BIG MINSTREL FESTIVAL—Victoria, Tex, Jan 12

RICHARDS & PRINGLES FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS.—Medford, Oregon, Jan 12; Grant's Pass, 14; Roseburg, 15; Eugene, 16; Albany, 17; Salem, 18; Oregon City, 19; Portland, 20

STETSON'S UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.—Springfield, Ill. Jan 12; Mt Sterling, 14; Quincy, 15; Macomb, 16; Canton, 17; Pekin, 18

COONTOWN 400." (Lee Moses, Mgr.)—Columbus, Iowa, Jan 12-13; Wellman, 14; S English 15

GAY COONS FROM DARKTOWN (Herbert LaShea manager)—Lenox, Iowa, Jan 12; Clarenda, 14; Mt Ayr 15

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)—Glasgow Scotland, continuous and indefinite

W. I. SWAIN'S ORIGINAL COLORED NASHVILLE STUDENTS.—Effingham, Ill, Jan 14

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock. director)—Baltimore, Md. continuous and indefinite

OLIVER SCOTT'S REFINED MINSTRELS.—Jackson, Mich, Jan 12; Lansing, 14; St Johns, 15; Ionie, 16; Greenvil e, 17

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)—Milwaukee, Wis, continuous and indefinite

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS.—Southhampton, Ont Jan, 12-13; Walkerton, 14; Fordwick, 15

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURES (Voelckel and Nolan managers)—New Orleans, La, Jan 12

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)—Indianapolis, Ind, continuous and idefinite

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Sid Perrin and wife are in Albany, N. Y.

Watch for the add of P. G. Lowery; the man who never closes.

Sherman Boone sends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs Lew Payton.

Ernest Hogan and company are playing Boston, Mass., for two weeks.

Lee Smith, of Indianapolis, has closed with the "Black Sensation" company.

Pearl Moppin, the musician, is living at 573 Campbell street, Kansas City, Mo.

J. W. Dennis, talking and singing comedian with "Coontown 400" Co., is The Freeman correspondent.

Grant and Grant were well received at the Park theatre, Indianapolis, last week with the Scribner show.

Miss Rosa Payne sends regards to Miss Lizzie Avery and her mother, Mrs. Harden, and all friends in Chicago.

W. H. King, of Cincinnati, O., and Miss Ruth Reed, of Mobile, Ala., wishes James R. Douglass a happy New Year.

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE.

On the stroke of twelve at midnight,
  Nineteen hundred years ago
Some one watched the dying embers
  Of a once bright firelight's glow,
And tonight while bells are ringing,
  Something new has just begun;
For the train of time is bringing
  Young and hopeful Nineteen ' one.

Amidst the glare of brilliant lamplight,
  Mingled with an electric flame,
Comes the youth of another century,
  With a hopeful heart of fame.
On the stroke of twelve at midnight,
  Nineteen hundred years away,
Some one still will watch the firelight,
  Ere the dawn of another day.

—J. ED. GREEN.

Dedicated to The Freeman for a century's success.

Charles H. Moore is president, and Prof. Clermont is musical director of the "Cake Walker's Trust" in New York City.

Gay Coons From Darktown are still playing to good business in Iowa. They send regards to Richard & Pringles' Georgia minstrels and all friends.

Mr and Mrs. George B Higgins send regards to all of their friends; also would like to hear from former pardner, Horace H. Murry, address 121 Beale street, Memphis, Tenn.

Bandmaster Frank Clermont, who is stopping at 672 Third ave., New York City, has organized a concert band in that city. Charles H. Moore, president of the Douglass club, is the manager.

Billy and Madrid Jackson, the "Hen Roost Inspectors," are now in their 4th week at the Tivoli Music Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., and are booked solid until Mar. 24 over the Cole, Castle & Proctor circuit.

Samuel Hatchett, "Tricky Sam," of the Washington Trio now enroute with the Harrison Bros. New and Ancient South Co., died at Franklin, La., Dec. 24. He was young and brilliant and had a bright future before him.

Wm. Prather, the well-known sporting man of Louisville, Ky., has opened the Paddock saloon and professional headquarters at 509 W. Green street in that city. He kindly requests that all professionals forward at once their photos.

A. T. Gilliam and wife are with Ernest Hogan's Co., at the Boston Music Hall, Boston, Mass. They send regards to P. G. Lowery and the rest of the Students; also Harry and Bessie Gilliam, Julius Glenn, Bob Slater and Emma Chackon.

The Mallory Bros., are scoring heavily out in California They had the pleasure of meeting with the Nashville Students, Colored Aristocracy Co., recently returned from Australia, and several vaudeville friends. They open in New York on the Keith circuit Feb. 18

Henry Wise and Katie Milton, "king and queen of koondom,' have arrived from Australia, via Honolulu, H. I, and are now engaged at Hurtig & Seamon's theatre, Chicago. They send regards to the Williams & Walker Co., the Black Patti Troubadours and all friends.

J. H. Hearde, the clever versatile comedian, recently arrived from Australia and left Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7 for Dawson City, Alaska, in search of 12 large Mooses which he will use in street parade the coming season with the J. H. Hearde's "Rag Time Comedians" company. Mr. Hearde will travel in his own cars with 35 people in the company.

Mr. Albert Bordenaer, the phenomenal baritone singer and wife tendered his brother, George Bordenaer and August Hugont a reception on New Year's Eve at his residence in New York City. Among the guests present were: Messrs. Victor Collins, Prof. Frank Clermont, Henry Suane, Daniel Davenport, George Landry; Madams Bordenaer, Smythe, Hale, and Davenport.

L. A. Lucas, of the Canadian Jubilee Singers, writes.—We have been out 15 weeks without losing a night, and find business the best we have ever had in Canada. All are well, and each member is a big success. Mr. Carter, our manager, feels very proud of his company and big business. We had the pleasure of keeping up the old habit on Christmas eve—hanging up our stockings—and were overjoyed when we saw them Christmas morning It is nice to live as a family and belong to a first-class jubilee company.

Notes from Frank C. Bostock's Indianapolis Zoo.—One of this week's hits of this institution is the Liberty Bell Jubilee singers and cake walkers. They do excellent work. The following comprise the company: Miss Sadie Edwards, soprano; Miss Dotie McKnight, Miss Joe Henry Palmer, contralto; Mrs. D. Granger, contralto; J. Staten, 2nd tenor; J. Ellis, 1st tenor; D. Granger, baritone; W. H. Hunt, basso.

The members of the Black Patti Troubadours were royally banquetted at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28, by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Oden, a very prominent colored fireman of that city and sergent of his company. The guests were some of the south's most prominent colored people. Among them were Bishop Tyree's wife, of Tennessee, Miss Susie Tolbert, of Louisville, Mrs. C. V. Officer, of Lebanon, Tenn., Mrs. Bates, of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs Will A. Cooke and little son, of Indianapolis.

Notes from Allen, Quine & Oakes' New Orleans minstrels.—Manager Quine is still at home but improving; since he has been sick Mr. Allen has been very busy, acting as boss canvas man and performing his other duties. Treasurer Oakes has all he can do, and is seen day after day with sacks of money going and coming. The boys are wearing smiles on their faces since they heard that 10 days more puts us out of Texas. Its true we have broke the record for business in Texas this season, but we want some other country for awhile. We expect Kid Arant in Cisco, Tex. The Williams send regards to Buddie Glenn, George Rhone and Emmit Davis.

Notes from Moses' "Coontown 400" Co.—We are still in Iowa, crowned with crowded houses nightly. We mourn the loss of two valuable members, Foster and Henderson. Mr. Henderson being advised by a doctor to take a rest, as his health is fast failing. John W. Dennis, comedian and vocalist, and John Armstrong, imitator and mimic, are clever performers. Henry Powes and A. Fosey joined us on Dec. 28 and are making quite a hit. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Kennet as magicians are fast climbing the ladder of fame. Mrs. Alice Edwards, soprano, is receiving her share of applause. Robert Dennis is still holding his own as a buck and wing artist. Al. Edwards, basso, is heartily applauded. After our performance Dec. 31, the hotel manager at Monroe, Iowa, gave the company a banquet. Singing and dancing was indulged in until the new century arrived.

Clarksville (Tenn.) Show Items—J. T. Winsett, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and George Beaumont, of this city, have recently opened up a cozy bar room and restaurant combined, and invite professionals and others to call when in the city. Barlow and Wilson's minstrels played to a slim house January 1. Mlle Kate L Ramey, the cleopatra nightingale, has been visited by Santa Claus at Fisk University with the most elaborate presents there. Clarksville is "hog-wild" for some colored minstrels, and they contemplate turning out en masse when one "comes thro' the rye." Clarence Radford, slide trombonist, formerly of the Clarksville brass band, arrived in the city recently from "Big Missouri." J. P. Steele, author and composer, sends regards to W. M. Hallback and Wesley Lemly. W. L. Johnson sends regards to Thomson sisters, LeRoy Bland, Wesley Lemly, W. M. Hallback and all friends in and out of the profession. Be sure to call on him for the "Black Clipper."

From the Olympic theatre, Galveston, Tex—Business continues good; the show draws large and enthusiastic crowds nightly; it open with a minstrel first part, with six end men: Lew Payton, Buddie Glenn, Sonny Marshall, Charles W. Bebee, George Helm, E. B. Brown, and their funny songs and jokes keep the audiences roaring with laughter. Prof. R. J. Anderson's brass band is drawing large crowds at the concerts every evening in front of the Olympic theatre. Prof. George B. Rhones has a fine orchestra. Mr. Almo, the contortionist, has closed after six successful weeks. Lew Payton and Miss Hattie Harris were quietly married Friday, Jan. 4; the team will be known hereafter as the Paytons, Lew and Hattie. They were recipients of many presents and congratulations. May they live long and prosper. Manager Payne C. Clark is a clever gentleman and a very shrewd business man. He has many friends. Willie Green is on the sick list. Doc Graves reads The Freeman every week. Harvey Oliver the cornet player in the orchestra, closed Jan. 4; George Davis succeeded him. The other top-liners in our company are: Della Harris, Fannie Settle, Louise Shannon, Jessie Alexander, Hattie Payton, Birdie Smith, Emma Smith, Ferdonia Smith, Rosa Franklin, George Washington and Eddie Wilson.

Professional Items from Cincinnati.—John Fox, ex-proprietor of the Old Homestead saloon, 512 Plum street, this city, has retired from business. He closed his place of business Jan. 2. Olie Dempsey, proprietor of the Waldorf saloon, 410 W. 5th street, will reopen the Old Homestead about January 15, maybe sooner. Mr. Dempsey has decided not to change its name. A new club called the Cincinnati Professional Club, will occupy the upper floors of the building. This club will succeed the old Blue Ribbon club. Mr. Olie Dempsey sends regards to all his professional and non-professional friends. On New Years night a game of billiards was played at the Young Men's Republican Club by three well known colored professional sporting men of this city, viz, Thomas H. Helms, Charley Elms and Howard Boone, for a purse of seventy-five dollars. Thomas Helms easily won the game. After the game the club served a swell spread to those that were present. The Hill & Polk Ragtime Coons will open in this city at the Auditorium on the 10th of January, playing three nights, with the Saturday matinee. They expect to do a large business at each performance. The management has secured the following specialty people for the engagement: The Crosbys, Harry and Oma, Clark and Cooper, Breckenridge and Hart, Tom Gales, Thomas, Goldie and Porter. The Gillock sisters send regards to all their friends. All Cincinnati colored professionals send their congratulations to Lonnie Crosby and his little wife. John L. Hill, of the Hill & Polk Ragtime Coons, is the author of a new march and two step entitled "Lucinda's Ragtime Reception." What's the matter with Arthur Porter? He is looking sad of late. Harry Breckenridge, have mercy. The Cincinnati branch office of The Freeman has removed to 230 George street. Papers on sale every Friday.

Vicksburg Splashes.

Vicksburg, Miss., Special—Voelkle & Nolan's Black Patti Troubadours played here, Friday night, at the Walnut Theatre, to a crowded house. Harrison Williams returned Thursday from Houston, Texas. Silas Moore is on the sick list. Will Kirley was hung Saturday, January 5th, at 1:30 p. m. The crime for which he was hung was murder. Arthur J. Albert left Sunday for Fayette, Miss., to visit relatives and friends. R. W. E. W. Lampton, Masonic Grand Master' passed through this city on Thursday en route to Greenville, Miss. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Beckett, 230 Railroad avenue, Jan. 4, was one of the most pleasant and merry-go-round entertainments of the season. Get The Freeman from the agent, Orange U. Taylor. All news intended for The Freeman must reach our office before Thursday of each week.

News Items.

Lake Charles, La., Special.—Miss Hannah Dunfred, of Grange, Texas, is the guest of relatives here. Geo. Butler, who spent the holidays in Iberia with friends and relatives, has returned. Miss Lillie Dunfred spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Alexandria. Mrs. Hall, of Pinesville, is visiting friends and relatives in our city. S. R. Ellis, of New Iberia, and S. H. Dunfred, Jr., of Alexandria, were entertained by Mrs. Susie Butler at dinner Christmas. Sam King went, on the 23d ult., to visit with relatives in Iberia. The churches of our city had their usual services on Christmas.

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RACE GLEANINGS

Springfield, O., has a home for aged colored people.

$50,000 has already been subscribed to erect a cotton mill in Jackson, Miss.

W. C. Coleman president of the Liberian Republic has resigned the presidency. Reasons not stated.

Andrew Carnegie has given Tuskegee Industrial Institute $20,000 which is to be used to erect a library. The povision is that the building be constructed by the students.

Colored people support seven colleges, nineteen academies, fifty high schools, five law schools, five medical schools, twenty-five theological seminaries, and raise $11,000,000 for their education.

There are three colored banks in the United States, whose notes are accepted anywhere. The True Reformers, Richmond, Va.; the Capital Savings, Washington, D. C.; the Penny Savings, Birmingham, Ala.

A Negro hospital is to be erected at Winton-Salem, N. C. The building is to cost $10,000. Of this amount R. J. Reynolds a prominent white citizen contributed $5,000 while the Negroes are to raise 5,000.

The co-operative grocery store which is owned by seventeen colored men in Chicago has proven so much a success that the company is looking for a suitable site upon which to erect a building to be used as an apartment store.

The registration of colored voters in Maryland has increased 12,000 since 1890, while in North and South Carolina, since the passage of restrictive legislation, there has been such a large exodus of colored people as to make the labor problem a serious one.

The Pickford Sanitarium, for the care and treatment of consumptive Negroes, owns four acres of land at Southern Pines, N. C., upon which three modest but neat buildings have been erected, and paid for, having ample capacity for twenty-four patients.

The three years during which this Sanitarium has been in successful operation, have called for, and witnessed great sacrifices upon the part of its management, every duty has been well performed, and the treatment of patients has been quite as satisfactory in its results as that of any of our older and wealthy American institutions now treating the same class of diseases. L. A. Scruggs, M. D., is secretary and general manager.

Hannah Litsey, known as "The Witch of Penick" a 90 year old colored woman was burned to death near Penick, Ky., recently.

No one seems to know her history up to the close of the Civil War, when she moved into a small hut in Washington County. How she lived was a mystery. One day she disappeared from her hut and thereafter up to the time of her death was a wanderer.

She was a muscular woman and the only instrument of protection she carried was a long, strong hickory cane, which she never put down for any purpose. She had a fierce, wild eye whose gaze produced a curious shudder upon every one upon whom it fell. Besides her cane she carried along a small satchel, made of old rags, in which she carried her scanty provisions on which she subsisted from day to day.

She was a perfectly harmless old creature if left alone, and most people were glad enough to leave her alone and give her as wide a berth as she wanted

Items of Interest.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.—Christmas day was very pleasant. Our people have learned to patronize all enterprizes carried on by colored men freely. Miss Fanny Drake, of Tompkinsville, Ala., is visiting relatives in this city. Miss Lanie and little Charley Scott, of Jefferson, Ala., are visiting relatives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Wm. Manning, our up-to-date merchant tailor, does a first class business in his line. He occupies an upper room in a large building in the center of the city. James Adams runs a dye house and gives satisfaction in this work. Bryant & Gibb's band went to Faunsdale, Ala , to furnish music for the white people there. The Baptist churches in the city had very impressive services on Christmas Eve night. Rev. C. H. Henderson, a gradute of Wilberforce College, is the newly appointed pastor of Bethel Rock A. M. E. Church. He comes highly recommended. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lewis have returned home after spending two years in Opelousas, La. J. Wilkins, a railroad carpenter, has been in the city several days under treatment of the doctor. J. W. Williams, a restaurant keeper, died on the 18th in this city after four days' illness. Andrew Williams, his son, will carry on the business just the same. Rev. Geo. L. White, who pastored two years at Jefferson, Ala., has been appointed presiding elder of Meridian, Miss., district of the A. M. E. Zion Church Rev. White is a man of ability and an earnest preacher. The congregation hates to see him go. We predict for him success wherever he goes for he is a man of high moral character. James Prowel and Miss Lula Harris were married several days ago. The price of cotton and seed is advanced. The Masonic Hall caught fire and considerable damage was done, but the prompt action of the fire department saved the building. Hannibal Lodge No. 29, K. of P., elected their officers for the next six months.

Navasota News.

Navasota, Tex., Special.—The Hynes-Washington wedding was celebrated on the 20th inst. Mr. R. F. Hynes is one of the P. V, faculty and the bride, Miss Carrie E. Washington, is one of the high school faculty. Miss B. C. Moore spent Xmas in Alama City. Miss Cherry Williams spent the holidays in Dallas. Miss E. M. Hayes spent Xmas with Mrs. Winn, of Dallas. Miss Ella Fountain and Mrs. Mattie Shannon enjoyed the holidays in Dallas. Mrs. Della Avery spent Xmas in Ferris, a guest of Mr. E. A. Reece. Mr. Steve Williams has returned home from Corsicana. Mr. Ed. Williams returned to spend Xmas: Messrs. Emanuel Hayes and Webb Curtis, of Hubbard City, but boys of this city formerly, are shaking hands with their many friends. Miss H. J. Moore visited in Houston. Miss Bell Franklin, of Dallas, is in the city, a guest of Mrs. Frank Constant. Xmas passed off quietly. Miss E. A. Huntet has returned from Austin. Prof. Lucius Harrison of Houston, is making it warm for our city boys. I think that certain young men are very much disturbed. The Freeman patrons are growing slowly It can be obtained any time at W. H. Wood's tonsorial parlor. Henry Perry, Sr., has returned from Ennis to stay. Mrs. Alice Hayes is in Dallas. Mrs. Kate Brown went to Corsicana.

Far West News.

Seattle, Wash., Special.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 16th, Rev. C C. Holford preached an eloquent sermon, taking his text from the 14th chapter, 9th verse of Iasiah. After going very carefully through the sermon he asked the sinners to come forward and take up the cross for Jesus, but old Satan was there as usual, and they were too stout hearted to come. After throwing open the church to joiners the pastor pronounced the benediction, which closed the services for the evening. Members of the Jones Street Church had a grand entertainment and Xmas tree on Xmas night. John T. Gayton has been confined to his bed with chills and fever. His many friends are glad to see him out again. Allen Dean of Everette, made a flying trip to Seattle, last Wednesday, on business. S. A. Thorne spent Xmas in Tacoma in the interest of The Freeman. Mrs. Aurora Jones Gross left for Portland, Oregon, recently to join her husband, Geo. Gross. From there they will go to California to spend the winter.

Bin the Babbler.

Wichita, Kans., Special.—Mrs. Maggie Bettis, wife of Liet. W. A. Bettis, who died a short time ago, was a much respected and beloved woman. The news came as a thunderbolt upon us, as few knew she was ill, and her sickness was of so short duration. She leaves a husband, three children, a mother, four sisters and three brothers to mourn their loss, as well as numerous relatives and scores of friends. She was a dutiful wife and devoted mother; a loving sister and daughter; a true friend, ever willing to aid those about her that fortune had not favored as it had her. The funeral was held at the 2nd Baptist church, of which she was a member; Rev. Copeland officiated, assisted by Revs. Lynch, Frasier and Terrill. We sympathize with the family.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Thomas M., Pittsburg, Pa.—Did Geo. Dixon ever whip an English champion featherweight? Yes.

A. B. C., Indianapolis, Ind.—What is the name of the horse that holds the world's trotting record. The Abbott,

X. Y. Z., Springfield, Ill.—Playing the game of pinochle, how do you get 250 in the "count" when the deck only counts 240. The person who takes the last trick counts 10 for it.

L. H., New Orleans, La.—1. Who fought the longest championship battle? 2. On what continent? 3. How many rounds? 1. Jake Kilrain and Jem Smith. 2. Europe. 3. 106.

C. H. J., Evansville, Ind.—Give me an opinion on the outcome of the Jeffries-Ruhlin coming contest? Jeffries is the champion, and entitled to the benefit of the doubt, for he has successfully held it against Sharkey and Corbett; defeated Fitzsimmons for the title in twice the time that it taken Fitzsimmons to whip Ruhlin. Read the article on these two men on this page.

Henry Phillips, John L Sullivan's old backer, died in New York last week.

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Yale's hockey team was defeated by the Duquesne team of Pittsburg last week by a score of 5 to 1.

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Billy Brady, Jeffries' manager, denies that the champion has said that he will not fight in Sangerfest Hall unless the boycott against the building by the Cincinnati trade unions is removed.

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Any old Western team seems able to defeat the Yale basket-ball team. The Kenton O., Company I team did it last week by a score of 14 to 10. Yale was ahead until the last few minutes of play.

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Phil Archibald, one of the best known bookmakers on the Pacific coast, was taken into custody at San Francisco a raving maniac. Archibald was formerly worth a great deal of money, but lost it in his business.

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Bobby Dobbs, who defeated England's lightweight champion, Dick Burge, for that title, fought a draw with "Kid" Ashe in twenty rounds of fast work in Memphis last Thursday night. Louis Baptiste of St. Louis and Eddie Donnelly of Cincinnati wrestled a draw.

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The Murbarger-Steinmetz wrestling match will be held at the Empire Theatre, Indianapolis, Monday night, just after the performance. The men have signed final articles and posted the side bet of $200. The betting favors Murbarger, although he is fifteen or twenty pounds lighter than Steinmetz. Harry B. Schepps of New York is here to back Murbarger and offers odds of $100 to $80.

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Terry McGovern has received an offer from the National Sporting club of England for a fight with Ben Jordan, to take place June 3 before that institution. The club offers a purse of $3.500 The offer was accompanied by articles of agreement already signed by Jordan, which provide that the contestants shall weigh 122 pounds. McGovern also received a message from a San Francisco club offering him $5,000 to meet "Kid" Broad there at the earliest date he would agree to. It is considered likely that McGovern will meet Broad.

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Redfield, one of the best known stallions in Indiana, is dead. He belonged to Sanford M. Poston of Rush county and had a record of 2:19¼. He was sire of twenty-six trotters and pacers in the 2:30 list or better, the speediest of his colts being Helen R., 2:10¼, and Red Leaf, 2:11¼. He was foaled at Paris, Ky., in 1884, and was bought by Mr. Poston from R. F. Patterson in 1887. He was sixteen years old.

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Dan Stuart arrived in Carson City, Nev., a few days ago. He says he is there to arrange another big fight for the latter part of May. Who the principals will be Stuart would not say.

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Major Taylor recently refused a $10-000 contract and accepted one for $3,000 from the same man to ride in foreign countries next season. The cause being the larger contract calls for Sunday riding, this the Major refuses to do.

JEFFRIES-RUHLIN.

The pugilistic contest between James J. Jeffries of California, and Gus Ruhlin of Ohio, is all the talk now. Suming up the men as I do hereinafter causes me to think very favorable of Jeff's chances.

There are many winning factors in the physical make-up of a prize fighter. Strength and skill are the primary ones. The secondary factors which contribute to the strength of Jeffries and Ruhlin vary considerably in men so nearly alike in general size.

Weight is most important. The importance is so keenly realized by fighters and their managers that it is the only division of class, the only handicap and the only standard of comparison insisted upon in making a match in all classes except the heavyweight. Any old ring follower will tell you that other things being equal weight must tell.

Jeffries is heavier than Ruhlin. He weighs 215 pounds. Billy Madden's man lifts the beams at 190 pounds.

The champion's superior heft will enable him to add greater force to his blows, and in the clinches it will help him bear down Ruhlin and thus wear out the fighter's strength.

Next to weight comes height and reach, and particularly reach. This is where Ruhlin counts against Jeffries. He is near an inch taller and has two and a half inches more reach, and that is something. His height will enable him to "top" in a slight degree the bulky Jeffries. This means that he can do the better land jabs and straight leads over the other's guards.

Draw your conclusions.

Notice.

The Freeman has secured for the benefit of its many subscribers the exclusive right of the Bohannan's Music Co's. latest success. C. H. cake walk and two-step, as Mr. Bohannan is one of our able colored writters and publishers we feel that every reader of The Freeman should have a copy of our own brothers publication. Hoping it may encourage others to soon following his walks. We as a race are fast getting to the front and while we have one colored music publishing house, we feel it our duty to place his music at least before our own people and have secured the write of his latest, a regular 50c. co pages and a beautiful title page in 5 colors a nice flowing melody nd witty words, as for a march or two-step it is second to none and we know there is no lover of a nice march or two-step for piano will call their repertoire complete without the above composition now at this office and will be sent to any address post paid for 10 cents just to save postage and this ad. Please write name plainly and order at once; be the r t to introduce this new piece in your locality. Address all orders to The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

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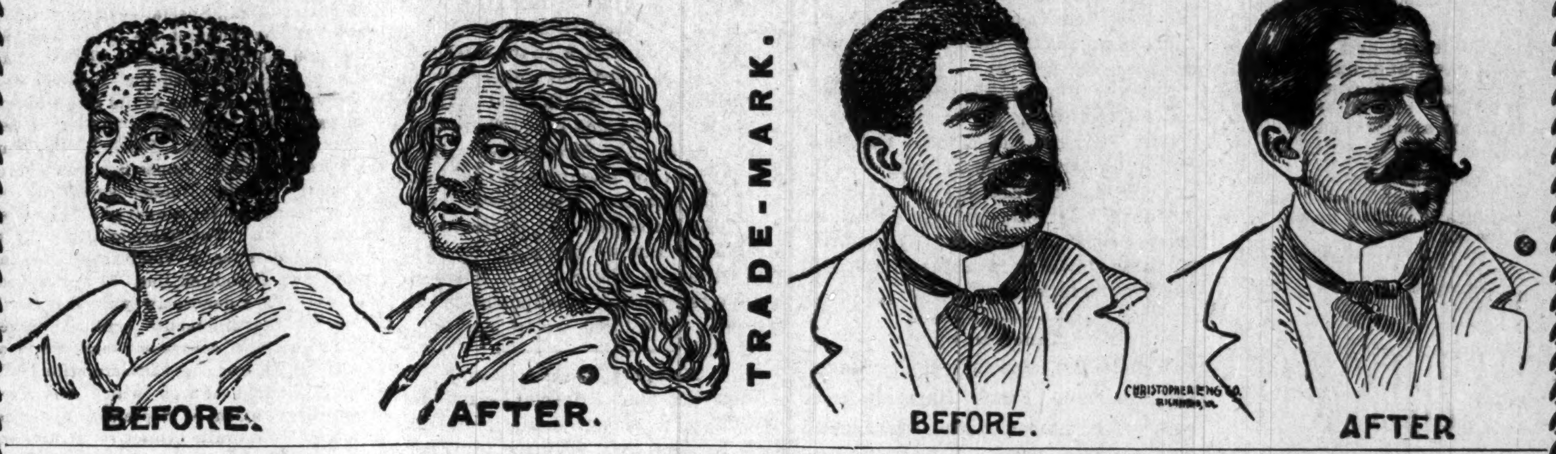

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..CITY NOTES..

Mr. Chas. Edwards left Wednesday for Detroit. He will return Monday.

Rev. D. F. Skeggs of Green County Ky. was the guest of his brother Mr. W. J. Elkins.

Miss Clara Coley sent ten dollars to her parents, wishing them a happy New Years.

Mr. Williams who has been in the city some time returned to Cincinnati, Wednesday.

Rev. A. L. Murry, of Chicago, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his many friends.

Mrs. Jas. Shelton and little daughter are in Franklin for an indefinite stay with Mrs. Pettiford, Mrs. Shelton's mother who is seriously ill.

Rev. N. J. McCracken, of Chicago, was in the city last waek. In company with Dr. Hurley he was a pleasant caller at The Freeman Sanctum.

WANT.—A first class Stenographer and typewriter. One who writes a good long hand preferred. Address with reference, H. J. Green, Box 116, Charlotte, N. C.

NOTICE.—All work left one year and over, will be sold to pay charges if not called for by Feb. 1, 1901. Leonhard Schurr, watchmaker and jeweler, No. 328 Indiana avenue.

Rev S. W. Beasley, of Nebraska City, Neb., is in the city visiting Rev. J. W. Carr. It is expected that he will conduct gospel meeting during his stay at Second Baptist church. He is a Western evangelist.

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THE ZOO.

The Zoo under the direction of Frank C. Bostock the animal king, known the world over as a friend to labor; a fair impartial showman, has taken on the old time appearance that it had when it first opened in this city.

Captain Bonavita, noted as hunter, trapper, and handler of lions and who has made two trips through Darkest Africa with Mr. Bostock, was given a reception Tuesday night that a magnificent affair. The classes and masses were present. Captain Bonavita was the recipient of flowers and applause His act with 20 performing, forest-bred, African lions, 5 of which were captured by Director Bostock and himself, is a piece of artistic daring, unequaled and unsurpassed. Captain Bonavita will remain through next week.

The other numbers of next week's program are Brandea, the Hindoo snake enchantress, who handles Anacondas, boas, pythons, rattlers, moccassins, copperheads and cobras as a mother fondles her babes.

Next week's Brandea will put on that thrilling, far-east religious dance with the "sacred cobra."

An attraction never seen in this city will be the troupe of Cingalese dancers, fresh from the plaudits of the Paris Exposition who in native costume will execute the Devil and Stick dances.

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The Barnum of humor is Farmer Jones, a character known on all sides of the seas. He has educated pigs that do everything but talk. Their greatest feature is imitating the Swiss bellringers and a brass band. They actually play tunes.

There will be added attractions every week; something going on all the time.

Mrs. Murphy, the monkey ballonist, will make daily ascension from the lot at the rear of the Zoo at 1 p. m. She is a widow. Mr. Murphy was killed in making a parachute drop 3 years ago. He came down in a rolling mill stack and could not get out.

Muncie News.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Police Stokes, Dan Mae, and Frank Hampton were called to Richmond to attend the funeral of the latters little daughter, they returned Saturday evening. Last Sunday was rally day at the A. M. E. church; the church realized $77.007 from the different clubs and classes. Rev. C. C. Townsend was in the city last Tuesday and preached at the A. M. E. church. Sunday will be quarterly meeting at the the M. E. church. Rev. Taylor of Anderson will be in attendence. Monday evening ushered in the week of prayer at the A. M. E. church, preparatory to revival services. Miss Venner and Mayme Robbins returned from a visit to friends in Ohio. Mr. John Anderson visited his mother at Danville, Ill., Xmas. Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Fry have returned from a visit to Louisville, Ky. Renan Robbins and sister Venner made a flying trip to Anderson, Sunday over the Interurban car line. Three of the members of Henry White's family are on the sick list. Mr. Anderson has been ill with la grippe the past week. Mrs. Allen who has been very ill of appendicitus is improving slowly. Mr. Woods, of Cabin Creek was in the city last week visiting his daughter Mrs. Allen.

Church and Social Happenings.

Athens, Tenn., Special.—An excellent school is conducted with six competent teachers and our town is well churched with a splendid church going people. We have the A. M. Zion church Rev. E. M. Argyle B. S., as pastor this the leading church. Rev. Argyle is an excellent preacher, and is giving perfect satisfaction. He and his estimable wife are great favorites and highly honored and loved by all. The United Presbyterian church Rev. John H. Arter, A. B., is pastor. Rev. Arter is a man of strong convictions and highly respected. He is also principal of the city school, and stands high as a leader. Rev. Hinton pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, Rev. Russel pastor of the Baptist are doing well. The entertainment and reception given the teachers at the residence of Rev. J. H. Arter a few evening ago was a grand affair and quite a number of the Athens 400 was in attendance. The refreshments were par-excellent. The young people of the A. M. E. Zion church under Mme. McGill, E. M. Argyle and Mary Ford managed a unique exercise in connection with the Christmas ship Mrs. Willie Johnson an estimable lady of this city lies very ill at her residence, on Rice street with a complicated malady that seems to baffle the skill of medical experts. Miss Mayma McGee an estimable young lady, who has been ill for over a month is slowly recovering. She will soon take her place in the Choir stand. Mrs. E. M. Argyle has been recently elected superintendent of the Junior Order of Christian Endeavors of the Zion church.

Bethel Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Rev. M. M. Parkhurst, D. D., preached at 10:30 a. m., to a very fine audience. The Rev. D. R. Wilkins, preached a most interesting and practical sermon to an appreciative audience in the evening. Twelve united with the church. On next Sunday evening the pastor will deliver the opening sermon of the series of meetings that are to follow. The choir under the direction of Prof. J. H. Johnson, rendered very excellent music. The pastor returned home Saturday after a few days visit in Wilberforce, O., Indianapolis, and Crawfordsville, Ind. The Sunday school was largely attended. The Christian Endeaver is an excellent work among the young people, the election of officers was held last Sunday, Mr. Holland was elected president. The funeral of sister Kitty Williams was held at the church Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. The pastor officiated.

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St. Paul Doings.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—The young married ladies gave a soire New Years night at Wagner's Hall. Miss McKnight of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Dora Joyce. Miss Keemer is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cloak. Prof. Luca is sick with rheumatism. Mr. Stanton, instead of Mr. McClain, received injuries in a wreck. Miss Carolyn Lindsay, of Stillwater, is visiting friends here. There was a musical entertainment given at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, December 31. Miss Fannie Dodd addressed the morning congregation at Pilgrim Baptist Church last Sunday. Rev. W. D Carter, of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, addressed the Eastern Minnesota Baptist Association, Jan. 2, in the afternoon. Mrs. T L Steward has taken her departure for the South. Miss Lillian Jones is on the sick list. There was a reception at Mr. Strongs, New Years night, given by members of St. James A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Lewis Taylor has been quite ill, but is improving. Mrs. Mary Hatcher has gone to spend the winter in the South. There are quite a few cases of smallpox in the city, but none are colored, we are glad to say.

Memphis, Tenn., Items.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Emma Philips, mother of Mrs. Lula Josephs, died Sunday, Dec. 30, after a lingering illness; age 59 years. J. W. Stevens made a trip to Little Rock, Ark., to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. J. McFall has moved to 155 Desota street, where Dr. Dunn formerly resided. "G-D—The Freeman," was the words that fell from the lips of a poor ignorant fool Negro, on Main street, when he was asked to buy a copy of the paper. Saturday night a Jew on Beale street tried to pull a colored man in his store to buy. Because the man pulled away from him he became angry and struck at the Negro. The Negro ran after him. Up comes two policemen. The Jew commanded them to arrest the Negro and they refused to do so. May every Negro thank the officers. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Briggs wish to thank Mr. Dave Washington and their many friends for being so kind in helping them to defray the expense of sending Miss Nancy J. Rece, the armless wonder, to her home in Texas. Rev. H. W. White, of Oklahoma, is in the city representing the government in the "free land grants" of that territory. He preached an excellent sermon Sunday, Jan. 6, at Beale Street Baptist Church. Peter Montgomery is now connected with The Freeman agency. Any kindness shown him will be appreciated. Mr. Hammett Ashford made a flying trip to Alabama, visiting friends, and reports the country in a prosperous condition. Buy The Freeman of the Memphis agency, E. W. Saddler, president, J. L. Brinkley, sec'y, and Peter Montgomery, treasurer; office 27 Turly street.

Lima News.

Lima, O., Special.—Rev. R. W. Christian was called to preach at the Second Baptist church. Mr. George W. Akers a well known resident died of consumption Jan. 6, at 9 o'clock p. m. The funeral was held from the A. M. E. church Tuesday Jan. 8. Rev. P. Evert of Piqua, O., will preach at the Second Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 13, 1901. Mrs. Hamilton is very ill. Dr. W. J. Johnson the presiding elder was in the city Sunday. Rev. L. W. White and wife, of Youngstown, O., attended quarterly meeting Sunday. Dr. B. Hamilton, of Danville, Ky., was called home, on account of the serious illness of his mother. Mrs. Wilson of Findley, O., is visiting Rev. C. D. White and family. Miss Grace Simmons has returned home, reporting a delightful holidays visit with friends in Ft. Wayne, Ind. There will be a Phonograph entertainment at the A. M. E. church Jan. 14, a good time is anticipated let every one come. Mr. H. Ball of 129 Coal street is reported sick. Mr. P. D. and E. M. White rturned home this week from Findley, O., where they spent the holidays. Dr. U. S. Beam has found that his practice has increased to nearly $8,000 in the year of 1900; he has proved to be a skill physician and surgeon.

Dictionary.

We desire to call the attention of the reader of The Freeman to the new Edition of Webster's International Dictionary, published by it G. & C. Merriam Co. It is a first class edition, new plates throughout and has 25,000 additional words, phrases and definitions. It was prepared under the direct supervision of the ablest educators of the United States. W. T. Harris, Ph. D., LL. D., U. S. Commissioner of Education and he was assisted in the work by a large corps of comptent workers.

It is an excellent edition, up-to-date, and should come into wide usage. Nicholas Murray, of Butler College has voiced the sentiment of all the educators and prominent men of the country, who have noted the work when he said "First Class in quality."

The U. S. Courts, and the U. S. Government Printing office has selected this edition as standard authority and it is heartily recommended by College Presidents and State Superintendents all over the country.

Around the City.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—J. E. Nelms has opened a grocery store and restaurant. W. H. Wallace spent the holidays in this city, and returned to his home in Troy, Ala., las week. Mrs. Rena Askew is quite sick. Rev T. J. Jenkins is pastor of St. Luke A. M. E. church. A. H. Gary spent several days in Bainbridge, Ga., last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gary. The holiday number of The Freeman was a peach; if you haven't seen one order at once. Mrs. Mamie Simmons is quite sick. Malone Bros., the leading colored merchants, are doing a nice business. Mrs. Ella Deloney, of Hot Springs, Ark., is the guest of relatives in this city.

Houston Notes

Houston, Tex., Special.—Father time has reason to be proud of his twins—the New Year and the New Century. The merchants of the city celebrated the New Year by observing the first day of its existence as a holiday. The town had a Sunday appearance in consequence. Read The Freeman and keep posted; James S. Green correspondent; Charles Demon agent; for sale every Sunday at the corner of Congress and Main streets. The German given by the society ladies as a compliment to their gentlemen friends on Dec. 31 was a grand success. They danced away the last glowing hours of the nineteenth century. Several buildings are in course of erection now and many more are in contemplation. The Bethel Baptist church which was blown down in the storm of September 8, has been rebuilt. It is quite attractive and an ornament to the city. Miss Amanda McKinney and mother, who have been here on a visit ever since the storm, have returned home. Capt. Sisk, of the state penitentiaries, passed through the city last week, having in custody a colored convict named Dow, whom he was taking from Sartartia back to the walls at Huntsville. The colored man was slightly ill and he was being taken to the walls to recuperate. George Long, who works at Ross and Wright's undertaking establishments, paid a visit to San Antonio during his vacation recently, has returned home. Read The Freeman and you will read the up to date paper, and remember that there will appear every week some Houston news.

Terre Haute Doings

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—William Tolbert, of Yellow Springs, O., spent the holidays in the city with his son-in-law Curtis and Mrs. Anderson. J. D. Thomas, of Chicago, is in the city. Mrs. Ellen Jones, of Rockville. Ind., was in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Clark and daughter were in Paris, Ill., New Year's Day, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Porter. David Jenkins has been transferred to duty in the distillery at Vincennes, Ind. Rev. M. A. Jones, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church, has resigned and will leave in a week. Mrs. S. E. Walker is improving. Luke Adkins is convalescent. Charles Row died Sunday after a long illness. J. B. Young and Mrs. Flora Norris married last Wednesday. Isham Joyner returned home last Saturday.

Notes of Importance.

Henderson, Ky., Special.—The marriage of Miss Mattie Robinson and Mr. John Henry Ricketts was solemnized at the residence of the bride's mother on Dixon street. The bride was attired in white organdie and the groom wore the conventional black. Misses Birdie Talbert and Lucy Hall were bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts left December 31 for Gracey, Ky., their future home. The Freeman wishes them much happiness through life.

Mrs. Ella T. Henderson, of Lexington, was the guest of Mrs. Rosamond Starling during the holidays.

Miss Anna V. Kennedy spent the holidays in Memphis, Tenn., the guest of Mrs. W. J. Yerby.

Miss Bessie Slaughter spent the holidays in Nashville, the guest of Mrs. L. P. Allen.

Misses Nannie Wheatley and Eva Woods, of Owensboro, spent several days in the city during Xmas week visiting relatives.

Miss Nellie Mae Browne spent the holidays in St. Louis, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Browne.

Mesdames Mattie Browne and Ella Williams are on the sick list.

Dr. C. E. Gowdy spent the holidays in Nashville, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Edward H. Browne entertained a few friends in honor of Mrs. Ella T. Henderson, of Lexington, Ky., during the holidays.

Miss Fannie Watson visited her brother in Owensboro, Ky., during the holidays.

Mrs. J. M. Peters and daughter, Carrie Belle, of Owensboro, were guests of Mrs. John Alves during the holidays.

Mrs. Giles Alves departed this life Dec. 22, after a long illness of consumption. A husband and two children survive her decease.

The R. G. Shaw circle, No. 2, ladies of the G. A. R., had a public installation at Odd Fellows' hall Jan. 5. Mrs. Anna Troll, of Louisville, installed the officers.

Mrs. H. C. Walker has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Irvington and Brandenburg.

Mrs. John Crabtree and Miss Virgie Alves entertained Dec. 27 in honor of the 34th marriage anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cain Alves.

The New Santa Claus, a Christmas cantata given by the pupils of St. Clements mission, Dec. 24, was quite a success financially.

Mrs. Benjamin Taylor entertained during the holidays in honor of Mrs. Ella T. Henderson.

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Bound down by oppression's laws, he lies
A giant, prostrate on the pitiless clay.
Plowed deep in his hands his surcharged face
As if ashamed that the glorious day
Might mock the deep humility of his race.
A criss cross chart upon his back has he;
Lash carved—a nation's bloody history.

Nigh to the earth this inanimate black,
The butt of ridicule, the target of attack,
Unattuned to the harmonies of the rythmic god,
Near kindred with the voiceless clod.

Sullen — grovelling as a cart beneath the sheaves
A bubble for opinion's capricious breeze.
Awakened once at the thunderbolt of Mars,
But now rests his head for the juggernaut cars.

Who plowed the tremulous main with slanting keel
And pitched their tents in the fiery zone,
Braving elemental hell?
Who laid the baited snare? Who drove
The dusky demon from his rustic throne
And chased the forest child to his rugged lair?

The clink of gold—the devil's own—a pity.
Remorseless, relentless—deafening ears to all entreaty.
Thus was he snatched—a sacrifice to greed,
Transplanted as an exotic, with care his seed;
That they might thrive to vast benefit.

You who hold the universe for sway,
Claiming title to seas, and the milky way,
What heritance has this untutored black?
Has he the impress of God's image?
What will He say, the Christ, the God,
Who notes the sparrows fall? Did he less led
For you black form? Is God a respecter of persons?

—WM. M. LEWIS, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Up-To-Date Whist Club meet at the residence of Miss Mary Johnson, Tuesday p. m. Miss Johnson president, Mrs. Bertha Turner secretary.

The Merry Girls Club will meet at Miss Lucy Hogans, Jan. 19, at 1532 Martindale-Ave. Miss Laura Puryear president, Anna Davis secretary.

Elkhart, Ill., Jan. 7, 1901.

Mr. Knox, Editor Freeman, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Dear Sir—Kind friend I will drop you a few lines to let you now that I received my Christmas number and many thanks in it was perfect.

Very respectfully,
MRS. EMMA GIBBS, Box 17.

In Politics.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The State General Assembly convened here last Wednesday. One of the most important features in the beginning, and one of the bitterest in Illinois politics, is the Tanner-Cullom senatorial fight. Among the prominent men who are in attendance are, in part: Hon. J. G. Jones, Chicago, the colored representative; Mr. Todd, Cairo; Mr. Rollins, Jacksonville; Mr. Omstead, Louisville; Mr. Woods, Lincoln, and others.

Rev. Dr. Shields, of Decatur, preached an excellent sermon at St. Paul A. M. E. Church last Sunday.

Thompson & Bro. have opened a nice grocery at 806 E. Washington street.

The Freeman will be sold at the following places: Thompson Bros'. grocery, American sample room and J. N. Kemp's restaurant.

St. Michels' Notes

St Michels, Ind., Special.—Editor allow me space to say that St. Michels is yet alive and enjoyed A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Daughters of Samaria, Post No. 10, gave a fair during the holipays.

Prof. G. D. Brooks had no trouble to get rid of the holiday number of The Freeman. We were just 20 copies short.

Rev. J. J. Moore, D. D., of Eastern Indiana A. M. E. Zion Conference, visited here on the 30th inst., and preached two able sermons.

Dr. R. A. Fisher, presiding elder, will be with us on February 3rd and will assist Rev. McPherson, B. D., pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church here.

Newsy Items.

Alexandria, La., Special.—Mr. A. L. Beecham, the efficient baker and pastry cook at the Rapids hotel, has resigned his position and is now open for engagements. He is comparatively a young man, but is 16 years experienced in his protession. Mr. Beecham can be had through the columns of The Freeman.

Alexandria can boast of having two of the most skillful doctors of today—colored—Drs. Jones and Young. The people should patronize them to show their appreciation of such a rare treat.

The boys of Alexandria, La., would give Mr. John McCaferty, of Chattanooga, Tenn., abundance of work should he get around in time to take their orders. Look out, young fellow, don't sleep too late. "Its your next move or I'll blow you."

Everybody should read The Freeman and keep posted on the current news, especially of the colored people, all over the United States. See A. L. Butler and read for five cents. If, in the meantime, you would desire published something of a current nature, make a note of same and address to A. L, Butler, box 542, city, or see him at the Rapids.

The Cake Walk.

"The Syncopated Jubilee and Cake-Walk Contest" given at Tomlinson Hall, Tuesday afternoon and evening under the management of Louis J. Beck was a decided success from strat to finish. A few of the performers were under the impression that there was "something doing" but Mr. Beck promptly settled this question by paying them all and others who were not in the performance.

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This, however, is not the case of George B Wright, of Marshall, Mich. He suffered for ten years from nevous debility and lost manhood. He sought the best physicians, and paid fabulous sums, with the hope held out to him that they could cure him, but one after another failed and he grew despondent Although a comparatively young man, disease so sapped his vitality that he grew permaturely old, and had the appearance of a man of twenty years older than he really was.

Finally, an old physician wrote a prescription for Mr. Wright, and after taking pains that it was properly filled, he began to take the medicine, with not the faintest hope of relief. He soon found however, that he was growing better, and in a short time the fire of youth returned to his eye, his nerousness disappeared, and restful sleep returned. Those who saw Mr. Wright a year ago would hardly believe that it could be possible that such a change could be wrought in a man that was the apparent wreck that he appeared. He states that he has all the fire and vim of youth, and feels today that he is twenty years younger than he did when the old doctor gave him the prescription.

Mr. Wright is so grateful for his cure, and feels that if he lives a thousand years he can not repay the good old doctor who gave him the prescription.

In order to show his appreciation for the good that has been done him, and to save others who are afflicted as he was, keep those who would seek relief away from quacks, who only take their money without results; and to help the modest man, who would rather suffer than tell his affliction to a physician, Mr. Wright has decided to send for a short time, to all who ask for it, absolutely free from all cost, the prescription which cured him. He is not a dealer in patent medicines, hast nothing whatever to sell. His only desire is to help his fellow men.

If any reader of The Freeman has the slightest symptoms of this trouble, or who has suffered and been treated by one or more of the numerous quacks, without finding relief, he should not despair. He can be cured in the privacy of his own home. All that is necessary is to drop a line to George B. Wright, Box 908, Marshall, Mich., and he will send the prescription in a plain sealed envelope, free of all cost.

IN THE REFLECTIVE MOOD.

"Bowed down by the weight of centuries he leans upon his hoe
And gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages on his face
And on his back the burden of the world,
Who made him dead to rapture and despair
A thing that grieves not and that never hopes
Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox?"
"The man with the hoe."
—Edwin Markham.

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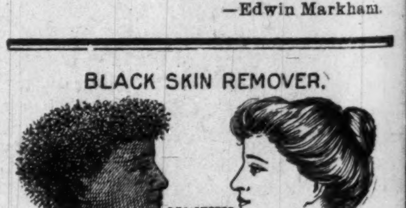
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